IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: N. MATSUNAMI et al

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Examiner:

Stephen C. Elmore

For:

A DISK STORAGE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Change the title to: $\underline{\mbox{DISK STORAGE SYSTEM INCLUDING A}}$ SWITCH.